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Office of the District Magistrate, North Goa District

Order

No. 47/1/MAG/GEN-ELN/07

Order u/s 144 of Criminal Procedure Code, 1973

Whereas, the Election Commission of India, has announced the schedule for the General Elections to State Legislative Assembly and also the Model Code of Conduct for the General Election has come into force immediately from 18-4-2007, which applies to the whole State of Goa and has been made applicable to all the candidates, Political Parties, State Government and Union Government.

And Whereas, Election Commission has issued instructions with regards to the preventive measures for General Elections to State Legislative Assembly to be taken by the District Magistrates and Police Authorities to maintain law & order and create peaceful atmosphere for the conduct of free and fair elections under the guidance of the Election Commission to ensure peaceful, free and fair polls in the State;

And Whereas, in my considered opinion there is sufficient ground for exercising the powers vested in me for proceeding under sub section (1) of Section 144 of Criminal Procedure Code, 1973, and impose ban for

carrying of all type of arms and fire arms and other lethal weapons, to ensure free, fair, peaceful, and orderly conduct of Election process and to prevent obstruction, annoyance or injury to any person lawfully employed or danger to human life or safety, disturbance of public tranquility or riot or an affray, during the electioneering;

And Whereas, I am satisfied that the circumstances do not admit of serving in due time of the notices individually upon the persons against whom this order is directed;

Now therefore, I, Nikhil Kumar, IAS, District Magistrate, North Goa District, Panaji in exercise of powers vested in me under Section 144 of Cr. P.C., 1973 do hereby prohibit the carrying of all type of arms, fire arms, ammunitions & lethal weapons, in any public place, street, road, square thoroughfare, bylanes or in any open place in the entire District of North Goa with immediate effect till 8th June, 2007.

However, the above instructions shall not apply to public Servants/Police/Defence Personnel and Security personnel on duty and to those members of the Community who are entitled to display weapons by long outstanding law, custom and usage unless they are found to be indulging in violence or posing a threat to the maintenance of law and order and peaceful conduct of elections.

Given under my hand and seal of this Office on this 21st April, 2007.

Nikhil Kumar, IAS,
District Magistrate,
North Goa District, Panaji.